THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) The estimated production of Wheat and Rice this year and during the last three years is as follows :—

(Million tonnes)

Year	Estimated Production Wheat	Rice
1989-90	49.85	73.57
1990-91	55.14	74.29
1991-92	55-09	73.66
1992-93 (Target)	57-00	68.75 (for kharif)
Likely	N.A.	65.0 (Kharif crop only)

(b) The procurement/minimum support prices of Wheat and Paddy (Common) during 1992-93 marketing year are Rs. 280 (including bonus) and Rs. 270 per quintal respectively. The month-end wholesale prices of Wheat and Rice during October, 1992 ranged between Rs. 305—480 and Rs. 450—710 per quintal respecti vely.

(c) to (e) There are no zonal restric tions on the movement of levy-free rice, wheat and coarse-grains throughout the country. However, in view of the need to maximise procurement of rice for public stocks, the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh (in certain divisions) and Chandigarh Administration have imposed restrictions on inter-State movement of Paddy. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry have allowed movement of paddy outside the State after payment of 25%, 25%, 50% and 30% export levy respectively. All zonal restrictions on wheat movement were removed w.e.f. 13-4-1977. Free movement of rice and paddy was allowed w.e.f. 30-9-1977. Restrictions on inter-State movement of coarse-grains were removed w. e. f. 7-3-1974.

(f) The procurement/minimum support prices of Wheat and Rice are remunerative prices. The minimum support prices announced by the Government not only cover the cost of production but also provide a reasonable marein of profit as an, 8—405 RSS/93 incentive to the farmers to invest and improve production and productivity.

(g) In the case of Wheat, the estimated weighted average CIF cost ranges between Rs. 3823 to Rs. 4657 per tonne. The Government has signed 3 contracts with government companies in Vietnam during July-August, 1992 for import of 1.40 Lakh tonnes of Vietnamese Rice on commercial basis at the rate of US $ 180 per tonne (FOB).

Financial Assistance to flood affected States in the Country

807. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : SHRI M. A. BABY : SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons killed/injured, loss of crops, immovable and moveable property and livestocks in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh. Kerala in particular and other areas of the country due to floods between August-October, 1992; and

(b) the amount of financial assistance asked for by each State and the extent of financial help given by the Centre separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha,

(b) The States of Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have submitted Memoranda seeking additional Central assistance of Rs. 215.28 crores, Rs. 584.00 crores, Rs. 125.46 crores, Rs. 9.00 crores and Rs. 318.74 crores respectively for relief measures in the wake of floods during this period. The requests have been considered in the light of existing scheme of financing the relief expenditure. The following advance releases from the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) have been made to the State Governments for relief measures :

Name of State	(Rs. in crores)
1. Jammu & Kashmir	6.75
2. Kerala	17.4375
3. Madhya Pradesh	6.9375
4. Uttar Pradesh	26.64

महाराष्ट्र में चीनी मिलें

808. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) महाराष्ट्र राज्य से नई चीनी मिलें लगाने और पुरानी चीनी मिलों का विस्तार करने हेतु 1-10-1992 तक प्राप्त हुए आवेदनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उनको मंजूरी देने में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सरकार किन-किन आवेदकों को भविष्य में इस संबंध में अनुमति देने का विचार रखती है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) आवेदन पत्रों का ब्यौरा संकलित किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) और (ग) पहले जारी किए जा चुके तथा कार्यान्वित न किए गए आशय पत्रों/लाइसेंसों की बहुत बड़ी संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए नई चीनी फैक्टियों की स्थापना के प्रस्तावों पर अभी विचार नहीं किया गया है ।

FCI Godowns in U.P.

809. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of FCI Godowns for the storage of foodgrains in U.P.;

(b) what is the total value of theft detected from these godowns during the last- 3 years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to curb these thefts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) There are 174 FCI godowns in Uttar Pradeh with a total storage capacity of 23,82,390 MTs as on 30-9-1992.

(b) The total value of theft detected from these godowns during the last three years is as under :—

1989-90— Rs. J,36.575.27p.
1990-91— Rs. 13,305.00p.
1991-92—Rs. 2,20,987.91p.

(c) Prantiya Raksha Dal (P.R.D.) Guards from Uttar Pradesh cadre have been deployed in those FCI godowns where there is shortage of watch and ward staff.

Production and consumption of foodgrains in the Country

810. DR. ABRAR AHMED :

SHRI VIRENDRA KATAR1A :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE he pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated production and consumption of foodgrains and rise separately in the country during 1992-93; and

(b) whether there is any gap between demand and supply and if so how Government propose to cover the gap ?